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Dear Reader:

The Tuscarora Field Office has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the permit renewal process on the Wilson Mountain Allotment. The EA follows the Draft Northeastern Great Basin Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment for the Wilson Mountain Allotment completed in June 2012.

All of the 2012 Draft Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment standards were determined to be met. Information from the Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment has been incorporated by reference into the EA. The assessment summarized various types of monitoring data collected between 1992 and 2012. Data collected since 1992 indicates existing management is favorable and has provided for the attainments of multiple use objectives. The EA analyzes actions that could result in changes to terms and conditions of the permit for the Wilson Mountain Allotment.

The BLM conducted both internal and external scoping for this EA. External scoping began on June 28, 2012 when the BLM issued a Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessments for the Wilson Mountain Allotment. The Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment was posted to the BLM website at: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko\\_field\\_office/blm\\_programs/grazing.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_programs/grazing.html). Hard copies of the Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment were also available upon request. A copy of the Draft Standards and Guidelines Assessment is still available at the website listed above. Alternatives were developed as a result of internal scoping. No external scoping data, comments, and/or alternatives were received from any entity.

Enclosed are the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Wilson Mountain Allotment Grazing Permit renewal. The EA along with the draft FONSI will have a review period through September 5, 2013 and will be posted to the BLM website at: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko\\_field\\_office/blm\\_programs/grazing/wilson\\_mtn\\_allotment.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_programs/grazing/wilson_mtn_allotment.html). Following this review period BLM will then issue a Proposed Decision, a signed FONSI and issue the Final Determinations for the Wilson Mountain Allotment Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment.

Email comments related to this project can be sent to: [TuscFO\\_NEPA@blm.gov](mailto:TuscFO_NEPA@blm.gov). If you have any questions concerning the subject matter please contact Casey Addy, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (775) 753-0202, or by mail at the return address above.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated